



City of Bloomington Names New Public Health Administrator

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Bloomington—The City of Bloomington has selected Bonnie Paulsen for the position of Public Health Administrator. She replaces former Public Health Administrator Karen Zeleznak who retired on February 28. Ms. Paulsen will be joining the staff at Public Health starting on May 27.

Ms. Paulsen comes to Bloomington from Morrison County, where she has been serving as the Director of Public Health since 2008. Prior to this position, she served the county as interim Public Health Director for approximately one year. Before that, Ms. Paulsen was the Associate Director of Nursing for Morrison County from 2003 to 2007. In addition, she worked as a staff nurse for Morrison County Public Health from 1992-2000. Ms. Paulsen has also worked for St. Cloud Hospital and served as an adjunct instructor at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

Ms. Paulsen holds an undergraduate degree in nursing from the College of St. Benedict. She also has a master's degree in nursing with an emphasis on public health leadership and management from the University of Minnesota.

Ms. Paulsen was a fellow in the 2009 Survive and Thrive Program, a 12-month long leadership development program for local health officials. It is sponsored by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The mission of City of Bloomington's Public Health Division is to protect, promote and improve the health of the community. The cities of Edina and Richfield have with contracted with Bloomington Public Health for services since 1977.

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